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SUBJ: SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

REF: CAIRO 4756

1. ON MAY 12, 1976 THE EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER MET WITH EGYPTIAN DIRECTOR OF SECURITY AT CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, GEN. SHALAH RIFAAT, AND GAVE HIM A SANITIZED COPY OF SURVEY OUTLINED IN REFTEL. RSO ALSO PASSED ARABIC AND ENGLISH COPIES OF FAA SECURITY GUIDELINES WHICH REGULATE AMERICAN FLAG CARRIERS.

2. DURING CONVERSATION, GENERAL RIFFAAT QUESTIONED WHETHER USG WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE. SECURITY OFFICER INDICATED POST'S RECOMMENDATIONS STILL UNDER STUDY IN WASHINGTON.

3. SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSING SECURITY AT AIRPORT, RSO SUGGESTED THAT AIRPORT AUTHORITIES CONCENTRATE ON FOLLOWING AREAS OF SECURITY:

A. IMPROVE TRAINING AND APPEARANCE OF POLICEMEN TASKED WITH IMPLEMENTING SECURITY PROCEDURES AT AIRPORT.

B. REPAIR CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM AND ENSURE THAT IT IS BEING MONITORED BY SECURITY PERSONNEL.

C. STANDARDIZE SECURITY SCREENING PROCEDURES FOR ALL
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AIRLINES.

D. INSPECT HAND CARRIED PACKAGES AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO INSURE THAT WEAPONS/EXPLOSIVES ARE NOT BROUGHT INTO AIRPORT FACILITY.

E. SCREEN ALL VISITORS ENTERING DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL LOUNGES.

F. WHEN SELECTION UP TO DATE SECURITY TECHNOLOGY (METAL DETECTORS, XRAY MACHINES AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, ECT.) OBTAIN PROFESSIONAL ADVICE FROM COMPETENT AIRPORT SECURITY AUTHORITIES BEFORE MAKE ANY PURCHASES.

G. SCREEN ALL PASSENGERS PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO TRANSIT LOUNGE.

4. RIFAAT WAS QUITE AGREEABLE TO ABOVE SUGGESTIONS AND TOOK NOTE OF EACH. EMBASSY ALSO PROVIDED ADDITIONAL COPIES OF SANITIZED SURVEY FOR DISSEMINATION TO STATE SECURITY DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

5. PLEASE ADVISE STATUS OF POLICY QUESTION OUTLINED IN REFTEL.
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